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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2003. The time period for responding to the Office Action expired on July 20, 2003, which was a Sunday. This response is filed on the next business day—namely July 21, 2003, the Monday following—and thus is timely filed.

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